Independent Authority for Deciding Pay and Allowances of M.Ps

3416. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Independent Authority for deciding the pay and allowances of Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not considered necessary to set up an independent authority for deciding the pay and allowances of Members of Parliament.

Expenditure Incurred on Government Sponsored foreign Trips by Members of Parliament

3417. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on Government sponsored foreign trips made by the Members of Parliament during the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Execution of Oil Projects in North-Eastern Region

3418. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether execution of oil projects in the North-eastern region is progressing as per schedule and the project-wise details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the Oil Projects have been affected by militant activities of ULFA and other militant organisations;

(c) if so, the details thereof project-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to overcome the problem and to restore the working time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Execution of some of the oil sector project in the North-Eastern region has been delayed due to various reasons including law and order situation. These projects are:—

(i) The refinery expansion and LPG recovery projects of BRPL;

(ii) Debottlenecking of Sekoni-Noonmati pipeline and 3-D seismic survey projects of Oil India Limited.

(iii) Well and field maintenance as well as drilling and workover operations of ONGC.

(iv) Digboi Refinery modernisation and Catalytic Reformer Projects of Indian Oil Corporation.

(d) Necessary steps are taken to create proper working conditions.